

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Movant,

19-CV-11402 (KMW)

-against-

16-CR-256 (KMW)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

**ORDER**

Respondent.

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KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

The Court has received a letter from Curtis Williams (“Movant”), requesting that the Court appoint new counsel. On January 8, 2020, this Court appointed Ezra Spilke as C.J.A. counsel to assist Movant in preparing an amended petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. (ECF No. 7.) On March 18, 2020, Mr. Spilke informed the Court that he did not intend to file an amended petition. (ECF No. 9.) On March 20, 2020, Mr. Spilke filed a declaration, explaining that, after speaking to Movant and reviewing Movant’s case, Mr. Spilke determined that no meritorious legal arguments could be made on Movant’s behalf. (ECF No. 11.)

In his letter, Movant states that he expected Mr. Spilke to file an amended brief on his behalf, and asks the Court to appoint new counsel. The undersigned is convinced that Mr. Spilke diligently discharged his duty to Movant. Movant’s request for the appointment new counsel is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
April 16, 2020

/s/ Kimba M. Wood  
KIMBA M. WOOD  
United States District Judge